

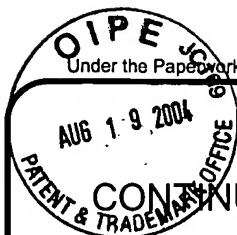
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Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	William K. Cheung
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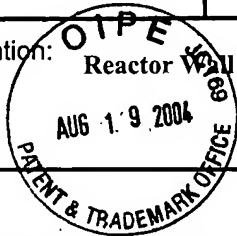
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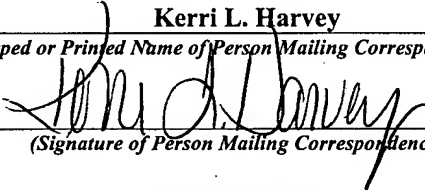
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Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

An **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.